

## The Woodlands encounters little resistance from La Porte

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SHENANDOAH - The Woodlands didn't let up.

Coming off last week's upset of Katy, the Highlanders continued to surge offensively and overcame the loss of linebacker Corey Sanders to injury for a 49-3 win over La Porte on Friday night at Woodforest Stadium.

"It's really a proving point," said running back Patrick Carr, who rushed for 127 yards and three touchdowns. "It's us proving the point that, 'Hey, it was not just an upset.' We came out on top and we were the more physical team (last week). "This win shows what kind of character we have."

### *Sanders goes down*

Sanders, an Army pledge and defensive captain, left midway through the second quarter with an arm injury and didn't return. "Corey probably suffered a broken arm," The Woodlands coach Mark Schmid said. "And that's the big downer for tonight. "He's our team captain and he's a very emotional leader out there for the defense."

The rest of the first half was all positive for The Woodlands (3-1). It started slowly, with quarterback Matt Bonaguidi throwing an interception on its first series, but Carr sparked The Woodlands on the first play of its next drive, breaking a 73-yard touchdown run.

The Bulldogs (2-2) answered by playing keepaway on their next drive - a 14-play, 55-yard possession that chewed up 6:54. But they settled for Ceasar Silva's 31-yard field goal and a 7-3 deficit after one quarter.

Then The Woodlands took control. Carr capped a 75-yard scoring drive with a 22-yard TD run, and Reed Barber recovered a fumble on the ensuing kickoff, setting up Bonaguidi's 24-yard TD pass to receiver Christopher Stewart.

The two scores, coming only 1:07 apart, gave The Woodlands a 21-3 lead with 8:35 left in the first half. After La Porte's failed fake punt, Carr notched his third touchdown run from 11 yards out for a 28-3 halftime advantage.

### *Andritsos back to form*

Bonaguidi, with Chris Andritsos - last year's starting QB and a top baseball prospect who returned last week - looking over his shoulder, was sharp after the early pick, completing nine of 14 passes for 124 yards and one TD in the first half as The Woodlands tried to force La Porte to back off.

Bonaguidi finished 13-of-21 for 168 yards. "It's pushing (Bonaguidi) to be more consistent and get after it," Carr said of Andritsos' return.

Carr, who was crowned homecoming king at halftime, went into the break with 122 yards and three TDs on just six carries.

Andritsos checked in for the first time this season with 3:05 remaining in the first half. The 6-3, 230-pound QB kept for 4 yards on fourth-and-2 from La Porte's 15, setting up Carr's third TD.

The Woodlands' Antoine Winfield, Jr., put the game away with a 72-yard punt return for a touchdown in the third.

With a 35-3 lead early in the third, Andritsos directed his first series. He fumbled on first down, but Barber recovered, then his first pass attempt was a 74-yard touchdown on a deep pass to Stewart.

"Chris hasn't played football in a long time," Schmid said. "He was in baseball, so he didn't go through spring training, (and) he didn't do any 7-on-7 this summer, so he's just coming back. This is his second week with us. "But he's a good player. We know what he can do, and it was good to see him get in the game."



## **Homecoming King Patrick Carr and Highlander Football crush La Porte Bulldogs, 49-3**

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SHENANDOAH, Texas- One week after a signature win over the Katy Tigers, homecoming king Patrick Carr and the Woodlands Highlanders (3-1) had no problem keeping the momentum going at home by dispatching the La Porte Bulldogs (2-2), in their first ever meeting, 49-3. Carr finished the night with eight carries and 126 yards after a big first half saw him gash the Bulldog defense for 121 yards on six carries. He also had three touchdown runs in the first half.

"This game was a proving point," said Carr, alluding to the performance tonight after the emotional win against Katy last week. "It shows what kind of character we have."

Starring alongside Carr for the night was quarterback Matt Bonaguidi, who threw for 163 yards and a touchdown. After returning to the team last week, quarterback Chris Andritsos played the fourth quarter and hit a 74-yard touchdown strike to get his numbers to 109 yards passing and a touchdown. Highlander wide receiver Chris Stewart caught two balls for 93 yards and two touchdowns, and receiver Chris Bell caught four passes for 61 yards.

After possessions netting no points for either team, the first play of the second drive provided a jolt to the game, as The Woodlands running back Patrick Carr broke an inside run to the outside, and ran away from the safety for a 73-yard touchdown run, making the score 7-0 Highlanders with 7:03 left in the first quarter. The scamper put Carr over 4,000 yards in his career, distancing himself from the second place rusher in Highlander history, Daniel Lasco, who had 3,901 yards in his career.

La Porte responded well to the Carr run, putting together a drive that took 6:54 off the clock, and after a 54-yard drive that saw La Porte complete numerous third down plays, the Bulldogs netted a 31-yard field goal by Ceasar Silva. This made the score 7-3 Highlanders with :04 seconds left in the first quarter.

Highlander quarterback Bonaguidi responded instantly on the next drive with a 10-yd pass to wide receiver Chris Bell, followed by a 5-yard jet sweep by Bell, to get the ball to the Bulldog 43-yd line. Hunter Moore then caught a pass for 21-yards to get the ball to the Bulldog 22-yard line, where once again Carr got loose to the outside to score from 22-yards out to make the score 14-3 the Woodlands with 9:42 left in the second quarter.

“The more Bonaguidi plays, the more he sees, the more comfortable he gets, the slower the game gets,” said Schmid. “I think we saw that tonight.”

The ensuing kickoff saw the Bulldogs lose control of the ball and fumble, and special-teamer Reed Barber recovered it for the Highlanders at the Bulldog 20-yard line. A 9-yd pass to Kalif Johnson put the ball at the 11-yard line, but back-back penalties negated two touchdown catches by Chris Stewart. Not being deterred, on 3rd-and-14 from the 24-yard line, Bonaguidi hit Stewart for a third time in a row, this time on a corner route, marking a 24-yard score to make the scoreboard read 21-3 The Woodlands with 8:35 left in the second quarter.

“That’s exciting to see a sophomore step up and contribute like he has,” says Schmid. “He’s been a solid player for us, to see a sophomore doing that is exciting.”

The next drive saw La Porte get the ball down to the Highlander 35-yard line but stall. On 4th-and-7 they brought out the punt unit, but the Highlanders kept their defense on the field. The play was indeed a fake and the Highlanders stopped it for no gain, getting the ball on downs at their own 35-yard line with 6:13 left in the second quarter, still leading 21-3.

The Highlanders, behind Bonaguidi, Carr, and wide receiver Trevor Disatell, trekked right down the field, but faced with 4th and 2 from the La Porte 15-yd line, returning quarterback Chris Andritsos made his first entrance of the game. Andritsos carried for 4-yards to the La Porte 11-yard line and a fresh set of downs. Two plays later Carr smashed through the line for his third touchdown of the game to make the score 28-3 Highlanders with 2:15 left in the half. Carr had 6 carries for 121 yards in the first half to go along with his three touchdowns.

While the Highlanders were in control of the game, not all the news for The Woodlands was positive in the first half. Linebacker Corey Sanders left the game with an injury, and did not return to the game. The extent of his injury is unknown at this time.

With the game progressing after the homecoming king and queen announcement at halftime, the third quarter was played quickly, and with a defensive intensity, as the teams kicked the ball back-and-forth to each other with no scoring. However, towards the end of the quarter, Antoine Winfield Jr. received a punt 72 yards away from the end zone, and appeared to be tackled several times. He would not be denied, and after beating the entire Bulldog special team unit, he crossed the goal line to make the score 35-3 Highlanders with 40 seconds left in the third quarter.

“It’s almost as if he doesn’t have any joints,” reflected Schmid. “He was bouncing away from guys that were hitting him and spinning away. He’s a pretty phenomenal player.”

The Bulldogs didn't have a first down in the second half until there was less than one minute left in the game, as the Highlander defense suffocated La Porte all night.

A 14-yard touchdown run by Highlander running back Adam May ended the scoring for the night, and the Highlanders sat one short of 50, defeating the Bulldogs by a score of 49-3.

"The effort (was there) after that emotional win over a great football team (last week)," said Schmid. "I was real proud of how we came out tonight; how we prepared and approached this game."

If you'd like to see this game over the weekend, it will be online to view at [woodlandsonline.com/sports](http://woodlandsonline.com/sports).

The Highlanders start district play next week on the road against Conroe at 7:30pm on Friday, September 26th.

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## The Woodlands hammers La Porte

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SHENANDOAH — Patrick Carr was the king of the night.

The senior running back led The Woodlands to an emphatic 49-3 victory over visiting La Porte on Friday night at Woodforest Bank Stadium, rushing for 126 yards and three touchdowns on just eight carries.

Carr also was also named homecoming king at halftime alongside queen and volleyball player Kendall Cook, who just a few hours earlier had helped the Lady Highlanders defeat crosstown rival College Park.

"It's a blessing," Carr said. "I'm just cherishing the moment. I won't get this back because I'm a senior. I love these guys, they work hard and we've just got to keep getting after it."

The Woodlands (3-1) certainly did that against the Bulldogs (2-2).

The Highlanders defense held La Porte to 155 total yards and for the third time in four games, The Woodlands limited its opponent to single-digit points. The offense was equally as potent, racking up 440 total yards, including 272 through the air.

It was exactly what coach Mark Schmid wanted to see out of his players after last week's big win over then-No. 2 state-ranked Katy.

"It was a big game for us," Schmid said. "I know last week was a big game, but (I wanted) to see how we would respond after that effort and that emotional win over a great football team. I was really proud of the way we came out tonight and really proud of the way we prepared and approached this game."

The Highlanders got the scoring started early as Carr rumbled 73 yards for a touchdown with about seven minutes remaining in the first quarter.

La Porte was able to answer with a 31-yard field goal from Ceasar Silva right before the clock expired, but The Woodlands took back the momentum in the early going of the second quarter. Carr capped a 76-yard scoring drive with a 22-yard run, handing the Highlanders a 14-3 advantage.

"We really started scheming (against) their defense and seeing what they had — where they line up the safety and linebackers," Carr said. "We had a head full of steam. We just kept our composure and stayed focused."

La Porte fumbled on the ensuing kickoff, and Reed Barber was there to pounce on the ball at the Bulldogs' 20.

Highlanders quarterback Matt Bonaguidi then connected with Christopher Stewart for a 24-yard touchdown for the 21-3 lead.

Carr capped his immaculate first half with an 11-yard scoring trot to put the Highlanders up 28-3 heading into the locker room. Carr had 121 yards on six carries before halftime.

After a fairly uneventful third quarter, Antoine Winfield Jr. put a spark back into the game with an improbable 72-yard punt return for a touchdown. The junior safety somehow managed to shed several would-be tacklers on his way up the left sideline.

"It's almost like he doesn't have any joints because he was bouncing away from guys that were hitting him and spinning away," Schmid said. "He did a great job. He's a pretty phenomenal player for us."

Chris Andritsos made his season debut and added to the lead in the fourth when he hit Stewart for a wide-open, 74-yard touchdown pass down the left side of the field. Adam May finally capped the scoring with a 14-yard run with a little more than five minutes to play.

"That's exciting to see a sophomore step up and contribute like he has," Schmid said of Stewart, who finished with 93 yards receiving. "He's been a solid player for us these last four games, and tonight he had a big night."